

BABE HERMAN BEATS KAPLAN IN 12 ROUND BOUT AT MERIDEN

Meriden, Dec. 18.—Babe Herman, of California, won a 12-round decision over Louis "Kid" Kaplan, of Meriden, at the National A. C. here tonight, after one of the most furiously fought contests seen here in years. After an even first round Herman went away with a clear lead in the second by a series of left hooks which had Kaplan wobbling until just before the bell. Herman won five of the 12 rounds with three even. Kaplan weighed 129 and Herman 129 1/2.

THE "JOKE" HOME RUN

A THING OF THE PAST
The day of the "joke" home run in baseball is passing, if the recommendation of the American League at its meeting last week is followed out by the Rules Committee. It is proposed to establish zones in each major league park where the fences and stands are so close that ordinary pop-fliers on another field become a regulation home run. The kind of home run that has been responsible for the avalanche of circuit hitting by even mediocre batters. In certain of the zones a hit will be only a two-bagger; in certain others a three-bagger; only when the ball has traveled a specified distance will it be called a genuine homer.

It is hard to say what the man in the bleachers will think of this recommendation, but the majority of baseball men will welcome it as the first official recognition of the fact that the home run is being overdone. The epidemic of the last few years, started first by Babe Ruth and taken up by inferior rivals, has reached the point of the highly undesirable. Certainly, it has disgusted many followers who can recall the days when home ball was not only a game of brawn but of science, smartness and strategy, whose attractive elements which have been submerged by the lively ball and the miniature-sized marks.

A home run inside the grounds and some of the tremendous and magnificent drives which Ruth has made are a real part of baseball. So are sharp fielding and fast base running, but they are not possible when the outfielders stand with their backs to the fence and when ordinary batters, by lifting a pop-fly into a bleacher, are able to clear the bases at a dog trot.—New York Times.

A. A. U. TO PROBE ALLEGED ABUSE OF SUNDAY LAW

Boston, Dec. 18.—Alleged abuses of the Sunday law dealing with amateur sport will be investigated by a special committee of the New England Amateur Athletic Union, named Mr. Peout a member of the committee, with power to appoint the remaining two members.

In urging the necessity for action the national president said that amateurism was being hindered by the manner in which Sabbath sports were conducted in various sections of the state last summer, and announced that an amendment to the law would be presented at the meeting of the general court, at which, he said, it was important that New England should be represented.

PHIL KRUG OUTPOINTED BY MICKY WALKER

Newark, Dec. 18.—Micky Walker, welterweight champion, outpointed Phil Krug, in a twelve-round bout here tonight. Sporting writers gave the decision to Walker.

TRADED PLAYERS HAVE HIGH BATTING RECORDS

San Francisco, December 18.—High batting percentages were made in 1922 by three Pacific coast baseball league stars, Willie Kamm, Jimmy O'Connell and Sam Hale, who go to the major next spring at high sale prices, according to the league records made public here by President W. H. McCarthy.

Kamm, San Francisco third baseman, led his club with an average of .342. He was seventh among the league hitters. Kamm was sold to the Chicago White Sox for \$100,000 cash and players worth \$20,000, the highest price ever paid for a minor leaguer.

Hale, Portland pitcher, who goes to the Philadelphia Athletics for \$75,000 in cash and players, was third among the league hitters with a percentage of .353. O'Connell, San Francisco

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TODAY'S SPORTS

RACING

Meeting of Jefferson Parish Fair Association, at New Orleans.
Meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.
Meeting of Tijuana Jockey Club, at Tijuana.

TROTTING

Annual meeting of Harness Horse Association, at Chicago.

BOWLING

James Blouin vs. James Smith, for world's classic championship, at Chicago.

BOXING

Batting Leonard vs. Johnny Drew, 13 rounds, at Portland, Me.

TAFTEVILLE VILLAGE LEAGUE

K. of C.			
Gladius	113	142	114-363
Popin	126	90	104-320
J. White	104	97	138-339
Trolan	96	90	134-347
F. White	109	108	113-350
Totals	548	584	573-1705

Blue Birds

Jodoin	126	111	106-343
Brooks	137	93	123-353
Fitz	104	114	102-321
Colman	121	99	87-460
Edwards	113	93	99-331
Totals	607	541	518-1666

ON MOOSUP ALLEYS

Sky's Best			
Teddy	87	87	112-94-469
Jack	103	82	86-98-472
Sky	113	106	126-102-553
Totals	304	286	395-303-1494

Rota's Best

Dan	82	78	93-81-415
Phil	89	82	90-87-460
Zeb	112	113	93-90-518
Totals	283	272	274-274-1358

HEISMAN NOT TO COACH AT PENN

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—John W. Heisman, whose contract as head coach of the University of Pennsylvania squad expired this fall, is not a candidate for re-appointment. He will not, however, sever his connection with the university, having been engaged as assistant to the chairman of the council on athletics.

Sydney E. Hutchinson, chairman of the athletic council, said that the football coach was clearly satisfied with Mr. Heisman's work and what he had done to "regain for Pennsylvania its position in the football world."

He added that Mr. Heisman, who had been head coach for the last three years, had informed the committee, at the close of the present football season that he did not desire to be considered a candidate again.

R. I. STATE CAPTAIN

George A. Chandler of Providence, R. I., who has been elected captain of the Rhode Island State College basketball team, has been one of the outstanding athletes at the Kingston institution for the past three years. In his freshman year he played in both track and cross-country and made the varsity football squad in his second year. He took up basketball in his sophomore year, although he had never previously participated in that sport. Last year he was one of the stars of the quintet. He ranks high as a student, gaining honors during his first two years and barely missing them last year. He is president of the senior class. During the war he served as Lieutenant with Battery A of the 103rd Field Artillery, and is now First Lieutenant of Battery B of the same organization.

EUROPEAN NATIONS FAVOR AMERICAN ATHLETIC PROGRAM

New York, Dec. 18.—(By the A. P.)—Participation of American athletes in sporting events abroad has aroused interest in America's athletic methods and has caused a widespread movement in Europe for the popularization of competitive sports, former Adjutant General Charles H. Sherrill, N. Y. N. G. American member of the International Olympic committee, who recently returned from a tour of Europe declared today.

General Sherrill said that America's highly developed athletic system and its beneficial effect on the building of the character of the nation's youth has been brought forcibly to the attention of European statesmen and educators by American athletes who have competed in European sporting events.

GIANTS SELECT DIAMOND RINGS AS EMBLEMS

New York, Dec. 18.—The New York Giants today selected diamond rings as emblems of their 1923 championship, and forwarded the approved design to Commissioner Landis.

Last year the Giants received diamond-studded watches from Commissioner Landis for their victory in the world's series.

LYNCH-SMITH BOUT IS CALLED OFF

New York, Dec. 18.—Promoters today cancelled arrangements for a heavyweight championship contest between Joe Lynch, titleholder, and Midget Smith, at Madison Square Garden, next Friday night after being notified that the New York state athletic commission had upheld the New Jersey boxing commission's suspension of Smith.

PENN STATE HAS FINAL PRACTICE IN SNOW

State College, Pa., Dec. 18.—The Pennsylvania state college football team was sent through its final practice today for the battle with the University of Southern California at Pasadena, New Year's day. The mercurial hovered around the zero mark and ten inches of snow covered the ground. The team will leave for the coast tomorrow.

EVERS MAY NOT RETURN TO WHITE SOX

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Johnny Evers, of Troy, N. Y., who assisted Manager Bill Gleason of the Chicago Americans last season, probably will not return to the White Sox next year, according to reports current tonight.

Evers, it is reported, has decided to accept an offer of a deputy commissioner's position in the New York state athletic commission.

CARL MORRIS KNOCKED OUT BY FRED FULTON

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 18.—Fred Fulton, Rochester, Minn. heavyweight, scored a technical knockout over Carl Morris of Sapulpa, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round bout here tonight. Morris' seconds threw in the towel with Carl on the floor for the third time in the round and seemingly on the verge of a knockout.

The Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals will play a series of exhibition games next spring.

HUGGINS STARTS WORK OF WEEDING OUT EXCESS MATERIAL IN YANKS

New York, Dec. 18.—Manager Miller Huggins and Business Manager Edward G. Barrow, of the Yankees, will spend a busy day or two together cutting loose from driftwood, excess baggage and the like. In all probability a batch of releases will be mailed out, a Christmas cheer to divers and sundry rookies who hoped to have a few major league meals at the club's expense at the Grunewald Hotel, New Orleans, next spring.

Despite the fact that the Yankees won the 1922 pennant drive after being in the fight all of the way, the management kept after its staff of scouts to recruit liberally. The result was an unusually heavy batch of green material from the sticks that must be planted or sacrificed before the time of spring training rolls around.

This matter might have been somewhat simplified had it been possible last week to effect the three-cornered deal among the New York, Chicago and Washington clubs, which had for its object the acquisition of Eddie Collins, Bibb Falk and possibly Dick Kerr from the White Sox and outfielder Sammy Rice from Washington. The transaction with Chicago struck a snag when Kid Gleason and Louis Comiskey demanded that Waite Hoyt and no one else should figure as the sacrifice of a New York pitcher.

Manager Huggins, who is beginning to despair that anything will come of the proposed three-cornered swap, kept his ear to the ground all yesterday afternoon, but in vain. He had a faint that some new overture might eventuate when Louis Comiskey got back with the Old Roman in Chicago. But not a chirp came out of the West.

Huggins has to get busy with the winter work. His staff was filled to the gunwales with war ordinance of the ivory kind because his employers took for granted that the off-season roster limit of players would be raised from forty to fifty players, leaving a leeway for ten additional hardy sod-busters. But this was a dream that failed to eventuate.

Commissioner Landis himself pricked the dream bubble by jointly satisfying the two major leagues in this city. He used his prerogative to cast the deciding vote in the interests of economy and, as Charlie Ebbets would say, again "financial hysteria."

Pole a Minor Sport

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 18.—Princeton University will regard polo as a minor sport in the future, the undergraduate committee announced tonight.

SPORT WORLD BRIEFS

George Ward and Johnny Tillman box at St. Paul New Year's Day.

Willie Jackson is matched to meet Frankie Rice at Baltimore, Jan. 8.

Frankie Schell and Billy Ryan are billed for a bout in Canton New Year's Day.

Of the 105 pitchers who figured in the American League averages last season only 28 pitched ten or more complete games.

The Charlie White-Richie Mitchell bout in New York last Friday night drew \$40,882.70. White got \$8,950 and Mitchell \$7,755.

Expenses must run high in college baseball when this sport does not pay its freight at home of the colleges. Pennsylvania's shows a deficit of \$7,000 on last season's baseball.

The Southern Interscholastic conference, in session, defeated a motion picture conference in two sections, winners in each to play for the championship.

"Kid" Gleason is 57 years old, but he still hits for 300 with his hands. Johnny Evers affirms it after a little playful rough-house with the White Sox manager.

College football coaches come and go, but Foster Sanford keeps on the job at Rutgers. He has just finished his 10th year at the New Brunswick college, and he has promised to coach again next fall.

Tom Thorp of New York, and C. J. McCarthy of Philadelphia will probably work with Walter Eckersall and Brick Mueller as officials in West Virginia's Christmas Day game with Gonzaga at San Diego, Calif.

The name of Mrs. Anna Paton, Harlem worker for the development of women's athletics, will be offered for consideration to the Metropolitan A. A. U. board of managers' quarterly meeting in the Park Avenue Hotel Tuesday night, when a handicapper for local women's track and field events is appointed.

Despite the deluge of invitations local promoters have hurled in the general direction of Charlie Paddock, of the Los Angeles A. C., the human Man of War will not compete on the indoor track in the East this season. Each year Paddock is urged to come on and show his speed, and each year he declines. Charlie is quite frank in his latest refusal, addressed to the Milrose A. A.

HORSE NOTES

Dan Hedgewood, 2:04 1-4, goes to Woodstock, N. B.

The pacer Lady Gratian, 3:07 1-4, died at North Randall recently.

The Georgia trainer, George Stiles, won 32 races in 52 starts this year.

The Grand Circuit Stewards meet in Toledo the second week in January.

Lord of the Nursery, 2:16 1-4, is now owned by H. Coagrove of Southbridge.

Islander, 2:07 1-4, won \$5,290 on his brilliant campaign over eastern half-mile tracks.

Charles W. Leonard has lost the good yearling by Peter Monart, 2:15 1-4, out of Almah, 2:09 1-2.

Coburn Hosack, one of the members of the Pastime stable, Cleveland, died last week.

The holiday numbers of the turf journals will make their welcome appearance this week.

Adios Guy, 2:09 3-4, goes into the

stud the property of a former owner, John C. Heyman of Sandusky, O.

Henry Potter of Providence bought 17 head at the New York sale and inside of a week disposed of a dozen.

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield owns Worthy Son, 2:11 1-4, lately sold into the Murphy Stable for \$15,000 by Fred Tobey.

Harry Devereux lost one of his Lee Axworthy trotters, Tom Bo Lee, in shipping from Cleveland to Thomasville, Ga.

The ice race meet at Mt. Clemens, Mich., will be held Jan. 15-26. There will be six purses for pacers and five for trotters.

Peter Kijo, 2:06 1-4, a grandson of Miss Logan, 2:06 1-2, is counted the best pacer developed on the Pacific Coast in a dozen years.

George Kay, 2:14 1-4, and Lou R. 2:15 1-4, were among the 20 horses destroyed in a fire at Schenley Oval track, Pittsburgh, a few days ago.

Honeywuckle, 2:09 3-4, will be bred to Arion Guy, 1:59 1-2. She is a sister to the dam of Guardian Trust, 2:03 3-4, and Bunter, 2:04 3-4.

A. B. Cox has decided not to repeat his experiment of the past two winters of sending some of his Dillon Axworthy youngsters south.

Male line descendants of Peter the Great, 2:07 1-4, Axworthy, 2:15 1-2, and Bingen, 2:06 1-2, won 160 races on the Grand Circuit this year.

Clarence Hobarth of South Weymouth has bought Mack S. 2:16 1-2, and The Great Buffalo, a son of Peter the Great, charged with a mile in 2:16.

Pat Harvester is the name given the yearling by The Harvester, 2:01, out of Miss Harris M. 1:58 1-4. Trainer Will Canton considers him of future importance.

Gam, 2:09 1-4, the chestnut pacer owned by Fred C. Tobey of Plymouth, N. H., was one of the year's busy pacers. He started in 17 races, winning eight firsts and five seconds.

The Michigan State Fair management tried runners as its horse-racing attraction this year, but results were evidently not satisfactory as the trotters and pacers will be back again next fall.

The Delaware reinsman, Herman Tyson, says that it cost him a lot of money to race on the Bay State Circuit this year, but that it was only a temporary sort of a lull as he is coming back next year with a strong stable.

Ed Sunderlin is open for an engagement now that John A. McGregor has sold Iskander and Dan Hedgewood. A good guess is that the capable reinsman will find his way to Aroostook County where the pacer is king. Ed is surely a king with pacers.

Walter Cox visited his old stamping ground, Granite State Park, Dover, N. J., last week, and while he is very happily located at Goshen, there was a touch of wistfulness in his remark as he passed through the gate, "The best training sport in the country."

The Kennelbush, Me., Driving Club is looking forward to a great winter. Among the fast horses owned in the organization are Ben Earl, Baxter Lou, Dr. Harvey, Peter McKain, Sam Hunt, Bronze Bells, Friday the Thirteenth, Veina Ollicita, Buster H. The Great Miss Fowler, Patricia and Major C.

Among the record horses to be sold in Chicago this week are Senator Wilkie 2:02 1-4, Jane the Great 2:03 1-4, May Mack 2:04 1-2, Drift Patch 2:03 3-4, Bingen Direct 2:05 3-4, Lotto Warts 2:06 1-4, Captain Mosby 2:06 1-2, Billy Bond 2:07 3-4, Roger Boy

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SIX-HOUR DISCUSSION OF SHIPPING BILL IN SENATE

Washington, Dec. 18.—Supporters of the administration shipping bill and members of an alliance between opponents of the measure and proponents of the Norris agricultural financing bill, struggled for dominance in the senate today without definite results.

The issue, which was before the senate throughout a six-hour session, was embodied in the motion of Senator Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the agriculture committee and a leader in the new progressive bloc, to lay aside the ship bill and to take up the senator's own measure to create a government-capitalized agency to buy and sell farm products.

The question was the subject of numerous conferences and several speeches, including the maiden address of Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa. An attempt failed to obtain unanimous consent for a vote late tomorrow but efforts are to be renewed with new vigor after a recess before adjournment tomorrow night.

Demand that the shipping bill be laid aside was made by Senator Brookhart, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, and Senator Fletcher, Florida, leader of the democratic opposition.

Senator Russell, democrat, Louisiana, urged prompt passage of the legislation while Senator Jones, republican, Washington, in charge of it, stood firmly on his determination to keep the bill before the senate until a rural credits bill is reported out by the banking and currency committee. Chairman McLean of this committee announced during the day that such action might be expected early next week.

One senator—John Sharp Williams, democrat, Mississippi, announced he would not vote either way because, he said, he would consider himself "disgraced either way." He said he had not thought "it was within the realm of human insanity to frame a bill worse than the ship subsidy bill" but that Senator Brookhart's measure "had accomplished the impossible."

Senator Borah urged casting aside of the ship bill in favor of agricultural relief as a matter of justice, declaring that "this subsidy bill" until the present session of congress, but that the American farmer with another crop season approaching could not wait.

He warned his republican colleagues that they "had trifled long enough with that seven million majority" and asserted that "if rural credit legislation and measures to relieve the agricultural situation were slighted at the present session of congress, the republican party in the next election would 'not have enough votes to count.'"

Senator Brookhart declared advocacy of the shipping bill to be the practical exclusion of agricultural legislation was a filibuster against the sovereign voice of the American people, as expressed in the recent election.

TO ACCORD RIGHTS TO CHRISTIAN MINORITIES
Lausanne, Dec. 18 (By the A. P.)—Turkey formally engaged today before the Near East conference to accord the rights of Christian minorities.

TO ALLOW CHRISTIANS TO DEPART FROM ANATOLIA
Angora, Dec. 18.—The Kematist government has decided to lift the embargo on the departure of Christians from Anatolia, which became effective after the expiration of the time limit. Christians are now free to leave when they desire.

TO ALLOW CHRISTIANS TO DEPART FROM ANATOLIA
The action of the government was due to pressure by the allies at Lausanne; they convinced Enver Pasha that the embargo had caused as bad an impression against the Turks throughout the whole Christian world.

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